



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Scaffolding rises throughout the Congressional Auditorium to provide a platform (top of photo) that will allow crews to complete ceiling work.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/31/05 through 11/04/05

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.
- Stone crews will continue installing stone inside the Great Hall and in the Congressional Auditorium. Only minor stone work remains to be completed inside both orientation theaters.
- On the Service Level, crews continue to make the final duct connections to the air handling units and fans, piping connections to equipment, and final electrical connections.
- Crews continue installation of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, underslab conduit, ductwork and floor topping slabs in the House and Senate Expansion Space. Metal stud walls and drywall are up in much of the middle level of the House expansion space surrounding a new committee hearing room.
- Foundation work continues below the House Carriageway as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space. Nine of 12 foundation pits have been completed.
- A temporary hoist has been erected just south of the Center Steps and will be used to transport mechanical equipment.
- Crews will continue to lay granite pavers in various zones on the Senate Plaza as restoration activities continue. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times to the North Door Entrance and the Senate Carriageway.
- Masons have completed installation of the stone steps on the north side of the CVC entrance.



Stone masons position a piece of Tennessee marble into place on one of the two “modesty” walls in the south Orientation Theater.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- First Street continues to be constricted at the intersection with East Capitol Street to allow for utility work in this zone. Crews also continue to install reinforcing steel at the intersection to prepare for concrete placements.
- Utility connections to steam and chilled water lines at Second Street are ongoing. All of the pre-cast concrete sections are now in place. Welding is the primary activity inside the tunnel with pipe now installed in much of the pre-cast concrete sections between First and Second Streets.
- Work is expected to begin to relocate the temporary bridge across First Street slightly to the west of the existing bridge location. Some excavation and pile driving will be required for the new bridge.

Next Week – 11/07/05 – 11/11/05

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and concrete placements will continue at First and Second Streets and crews will continue work to relocate the temporary bridge over First Street to clear the way for utility work in that zone.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall, underslab conduit, ductwork and floor topping slabs in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Excavation and concrete placements will continue in the House Carriageway as part of the construction of a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to the Capitol Visitor Center.
- Restoration of the Senate Plaza will continue with concrete placements and installation of granite pavers.